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Testimony for Michigan House Bills 5267 and 4270

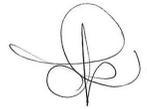
On behalf of PERIOD., we are incredibly proud to support House Bills 5267 and 4270. PERIOD. is a global nonprofit organization with a strong network of chapters and service partner organizations in Michigan working daily to address period poverty in their communities. At a nation-wide level, according to a May 2021 study, nearly 1 in 4 students in the United States struggled to purchase period products or were not able to purchase them at all this year. Because these products are medical necessities, this tax is an unfair burden on Michiganders who are already working hard to make ends meet.

Furthermore, we know the people impacted by this tax are women - mothers, daughters, our colleagues and Michigan students. By placing an undue tax burden on mothers and families, we are asking them to shoulder additional costs just because of a natural process. With your support today, Michigan can help lead the nation in realizing these products are medical essentials and will move Michigan closer to a more fair tax system.

I urge all members of this committee to unanimously support these bills today!



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Resource: "State of the Period 2021" <https://period.org/uploads/State-of-the-Period-2021.pdf>